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Dear Chairman Mayes & Commissioners, DOCKET CONTROL

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I am writing to see if you can offer any help, as the Renewable Energy Rebates are very important to the progress of the Sonoita/Elgin/Patagonia area continuing to encourage R.E. installations to not only lighten the load but feed the grid locally.

The dramatic shortfall of funding for REBATES is detrimentally effecting new interest in Renewable Energy. We had a great deal of interest an installations occurring and then when the REBATES stopped, so did the incentive for installers to work in the SSVEC territory. The word on the street, is there is no money - so no business.

SSVEC 2010 Program no longer offers Rebates for Wind Energy Installations, except for the Performance Based Rebate. This is discriminating against the areas that have viable wind resources to generate energy.

The present program gives SSVEC the ability to take over \$1,695,000 from the 2010 REST Funds to pay 100% of the 2010 year obligation for CREB Bond Payments.

Should 100% of this payment come from the REST Tariff?.

Leaving the REST Fund with only \$890,635 for Rebates after other line item expenditures.

I had previously written to the Commission concerning the SSVEC 2010 Rest Program in January. I believe this goes against the principle of the REST Program for Residential Installations to be 50% of the program

October 20, 2009, SSVEC estimated that under the current tariff **it would take 182 years** before the existing applications and installed systems would receive rebates due them. I talked with someone yesterday who is 251 on the REBATE LIST.

With the 2010 tariff, Jack Blair testified it would take approximately 3 years to satisfy this back log. He also stated that SSVEC would do everything they could to apply for grants and funding to boost the Rest Budget to pay the Rebates more quickly. I question that any work has been done on acquiring more funds.

I believe it is very important that the CREB payment allocation from the 2010 SSVEC REST funds be reviewed to more fairly reflect the intent of the REST Program.

Please consider a RE-Hearing or whatever it is you can do, to more fairly allocate the CREB Bond payments and the Rebate Schedule. For every dollar an individual or business puts into Renewable Energy, SSVEC leverages REST Program dollars 3 to 1, and virtually no money out of pocket for Renewable Energy for the Utility. For example 50% from Customer, up to 50% from REST Tariff, with a possible 30% from Fed. Tax Rebate for the customer on his taxes. SSVEC would reap the benefits of the Renewable Energy with no added investment.

Thank you very much.

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